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FOR FODAG

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TAGS: UNWFC, EAGR, ETRD

SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL

REF: ROME 09023 AND 08532

1. ALTHOUGH ALL MEMBERS HAVE NOT YET RESPONDED TO SECRETARY BERGLAND'S LETTER TRANSMITTED VIA STATE 117059, THERE HAS BEEN A SUFFICIENTLY WIDE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO PERMIT YOU TO PASS TO THE RAPPORTEUR THE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS. YOU SHOULD BOTH STATE OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR HIS WILLINGNESS TO DELAY FINAL PREPARATION OF THE AGENDA UNTIL RESPONSES TO THE BERGLAND LETTER ARE KNOWN AND EMPHASIZE THAT THE OPINIONS YOU CONVEY ARE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE POSITION OF ANY GOVERNMENT.

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2. THERE IS A BROAD AGREEMENT AMONG THOSE RESPONDING THAT MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION SHOULD BE FOCUSED BY A FAIRLY TIGHT AGENDA SUCH AS WE PROPOSED. IF ANYTHING, THERE IS A DESIRE FOR EVEN MORE SELECTIVITY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DESIRABILITY OF DISCUSSING THE TRADE ISSUE AS IT INTERRELATES WITH THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER IS ALSO STRESSED. IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD SUGGEST INCLUDING TRADE UNDER A GENERAL HEAD-

ING SUCH AS OUR AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.

3. FROM THE RESPONSES, IT SEEMS PREFERRED THAT THE FINAL PRODUCTION OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION SHOULD BE A CONCISE THOUGH COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT REFLECTING THE HIGH POINTS OF THE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. THE STATEMENT SHOULD STRESS BOTH THE AREAS OF CONSENSUS AND THE INTERRELATED NATURE OF THE VARIOUS TOPICS. IN ITS ENTIRETY THE STATEMENT WOULD SERVE AS A VEHICLE TO REEMPHASIZE THE COMMITMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO THE ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION AND THUS WOULD SERVE TO INFLUENCE BOTH GOVERNMENTAL AND AGENCY ACTION.

4. WE INTERPRET THESE VIEWS TO MEAN THAT THE STATEMENT SHOULD FLOW FROM MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION, NOT GUIDE AND SHAPE MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION. VERY CLEARLY THOSE GOVERNMENTS RESPONDING TO OUR LETTER DO NOT WISH THEIR MINISTERS TO BE CONFINED TO A DEBATE OVER ANY DRAFT RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT.

5. IF WE HAVE INTERPRETED THE RESPONSES CORRECTLY, THIS MEANS THAT WHILE THE MINISTERS PROCEED THROUGH A DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, THE RAPORTEUR WOULD BE PREPARING A STATEMENT OF CONSENSUS TO BE ULTIMATELY APPROVED BY THE MINISTERS AS THE PRODUCT OF THE SESSION.

6. FYI. WHILE THIS SUMMARY OF REACTION LARGELY COINCIDES WITH OUR OWN VIEWS, YOU SHOULD PRESENT IT IN A RATHER LOW-KEYED MANNER STRESSING OUR DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL. QUITE UNCLASSIFIED

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OBVIOUSLY, WE CANNOT INSIST UPON THE PROCEDURES OUTLINED ABOVE. FURTHERMORE, WHILE SUCH VIEWS ARE WIDELY SHARED, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE YET THAT THEY ARE HELD BY A MAJORITY OF THE G-77. IF THE VIEWS ARE RESISTED WE WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED REPORTING AS TO THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY THE VARIOUS COUNTRIES. VANCE

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